

Preliminary Amendment

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REMARKS

The present amendment adds reference to the priority applications to the specification and further amends Claims 3-13, 16 and 18 to remove multiple dependencies from the claims. No new matter has been added.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX: VERSION TO SHOWS CHANGES MADE TO APPLICATION

In the Title

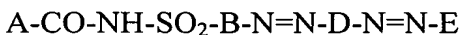
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--DISAZO DYES AND INKS CONTAINING THEM--.

In the Claims

The claims were amended as follows:

3. (Amended) A compound according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 of Formula (1) and salts thereof:



Formula (1)

wherein:

A is an optionally substituted alkyl or aryl group;

B and D are each independently optionally substituted phenylene or naphthylene;
and

E is optionally substituted naphthylene.

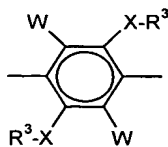
4. (Amended) A compound according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 wherein A is optionally substituted C₁₋₄-alkyl or optionally substituted phenyl.

5. (Amended) A compound according to [any one of claim 3 or claim 4] claim 3 wherein B is optionally substituted phenylene.

6. (Amended) A compound according to [any one of claims 3 to 5] claim 3 wherein B is optionally substituted 1,4- phenylene.

7. (Amended) A compound according to [any one of claims 3 to 5] claim 3 wherein D is optionally substituted 1,4- phenylene.

8. (Amended) A compound according to [any one of claims 3 to 6] claim 3 wherein D is of the formula:



wherein each:

W independently is H, C₁₋₄-alkyl, alkoxy, polyalkylene oxide, nitro, cyano, amino, sulpho, halo, ureido, SO₂F, PO₄H₂, hydroxy, carboxy, ester, -NR¹R², -COR¹, -CONR¹R² or -SO₂NR¹R², wherein R¹ and R² are each independently H or alkyl;

X independently is O, NH or S;

R³ independently is H or optionally substituted alkyl or optionally substituted aryl.

9. (Amended) A compound according to [any one of claims 3 to 6] claim 3 wherein D is naphthylene carrying one or more groups selected from hydroxy, amino, sulpho and carboxy.

10. (Amended) A compound according to [any one of claims 3 to 9] claim 3 wherein E is naphthylene carrying one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, amino, sulpho and carboxy.

11. (Amended) A compound according to [any one of claims 3 to 11] claim 3 wherein E is a 1-hydroxy-3-sulphonaphth-2-ylene group carrying an optionally substituted amino group at the 7-position; or a 1-hydroxy-5-sulphonaphth-2-ylene group carrying an optionally substituted amino group at the 8-position; or a 1-hydroxy-3,6-disulphonaphth-2-ylene group carrying an optionally substituted amino group at the 8-position or a 1-hydroxy-3,6-disulphonaphth-2-ylene group carrying an optionally substituted amino group at the 7-position

12. (Amended) A compound according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 wherein the pKa of the -NH- group is from 8 to 3.

13. (Amended) A composition comprising a compound according to [any one of claims 1 to 12] claim 1 and a liquid medium.

16. (Amended) A paper, an overhead projector slide or a textile material printed with an ink according to claim 14[, with a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 12 or by means of a process according to claim 15].

18. (Amended) A method for the colouration of a substrate which comprises treating with a compound according to [any one of claims 1 to 12] claim 1.

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